

House Resolution 1373

By: Representatives Byrd of the 20th, Scheid of the 22nd, Murphy of the 23rd, and Hill of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Dr. Scott R. Harden for his heroism; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, on November 26, 2005, Dr. Scott R. Harden displayed the highest degree of
3 heroism in his valiant rescue of Ms. Katie Quarmby; and
- 4 WHEREAS, on that day, Dr. Harden, his wife, and two children took Ms. Quarmby, a
5 90-year-old family friend, from Buckhead to Cumming to visit Ms. Peggy Gough on the
6 occasion of Ms. Gough's 91st birthday; and
- 7 WHEREAS, after a delightful day together, the party decided to visit one of Ms. Gough's
8 neighbors, with Ms. Gough driving Ms. Quarmby in one vehicle and Dr. Harden and his
9 family following in another; at the end of her driveway, however, Ms. Gough became
10 disoriented and stepped on the accelerator, sending the car into Lake Lanier; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Dr. Harden immediately leaped out of his car to race to the ladies' rescue,
12 jumping into the dark, cold water after them; and
- 13 WHEREAS, encountering a locked car, Dr. Harden was able to get Ms. Gough to unlock the
14 doors, after which he managed to grab Ms. Quarmby and pull her to safety; and
- 15 WHEREAS, sadly, neither Dr. Harden nor any other rescuers who arrived at the scene were
16 able to rescue Ms. Gough, but Dr. Harden's quick action and remarkable bravery saved at
17 least one life in the midst of this tragic accident; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Dr. Harden's noble efforts on that fateful evening are a testament to the power
19 of heroism, and it is most fitting and proper that this body appropriately recognize the
20 life-saving actions of this outstanding Georgian.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body join in commending Dr. Scott R. Harden for his heroic rescue of
3 Ms. Katie Quarmby and thank him for his incredible display of courage and selflessness.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Scott R. Harden.